



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Meeting Date: August 13, 2014 - Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Valadez, Louie, Pedersen, Modugno

Absent: Commissioner Shell

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Andy Narag, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Mr. Joe Nicchitta, Deputy

Planning Director: Ms. Susie Tae, Supervising Regional Planner, Advance Planning Division
Mr. Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Louie representing the Second Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Modugno – That the Agenda and Supplemental Agenda for August 13, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Louie, Modugno, Valadez and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Shell being recorded as absent.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the minutes for July 9, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen and Modugno in favor and Commissioner Valadez as abstaining and Commissioner Shell being recorded as absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Community Studies East

Project Approved

6. **(Considered 06/25/14 & recommended to be continued to 12/07/14). Project No. R2007-02988. Advance Planning Case No. 201400003. Tree Planting Ordinance. An ordinance amending Title 21 (Subdivisions) and Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to repeal the drought tolerant landscaping and green building requirements at Sections 21.24.430 and 21.24.440 and Parts 20 and 21 of Chapter 22.52 that are now found in Title 26-31; and to establish tree planting requirements for new projects. Division 1 of Chapter 22.08 is to be amended to add definitions. Part 20 (Tree Planting Requirements) of Chapter 22.52 to be added to establish new tree planting requirements to shade sidewalks and parking lots for human comfort and to shade buildings to conserve energy otherwise used for air conditioning. This project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt - Class 8 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment) from CEQA reporting requirements.**

Mr. Dean Edwards presented the staff report and indicated that a letter was received from Tree People regarding their concern about canopy size and spacing of trees which would affect how required trees are quantified. Staff is requesting more time to give this matter further consideration.

Motion/second by Commissioners Pedersen/Modugno – That the item be continued to Wednesday, December 17, 2014 to allow staff time to address concerns raised by constituents.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Zoning Permits

Project Approved

7. (Continued from 08/06/14). Project No. R2012-00152-(5). Applicant: Kinemetrics Inc. Aliso Canyon Avenue/Avenue Y-8 Soledad Zoned District. a. Conditional Use Permit No. 201200014. To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of an earthquake observatory in the A-2 (Heavy Agricultural) Zone. b. Environmental Assessment No. 201200020. To consider a Mitigated Negative Declaration with impacts to biota reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.

Mr. Curzi presented the staff report followed by testimony from Mr. Serb Topalski, the applicant's representative. Commissioner Modugno expressed concerns on security issues, such as secured front doors and surveillance cameras. Mr. Topalski assured Commissioner Modugno that all security measures have been incorporated into the project including a 24 hour camera surveillance of the subject property that will be recorded and viewed at their Pasadena headquarters.

Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and adopt the Negative Declaration associated with with Environmental Assessment No. 201200014.

Motion/second by Commissioner Modugno/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. 201200014 with findings and conditions of approval. The appeal period for this item ends Wednesday, August 27, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Modugno, Louie, Valadez, and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Shell being recorded as absent.

Project Approved

8. Project No. R2013-00433-(2). Applicant: Terry Chu, 19516 S. Susana Rd., Rancho Dominguez. Del Amo Zoned District. a. Conditional Use Permit No. 201300025. The project is a request for a conditional use permit to authorize the establishment of an enclosed automobile dismantling yard within an existing 67,643 square foot building that is currently used as a warehouse and office building in the Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) Zone. b. Environmental Assessment No. 201300042. To consider a Negative Declaration as it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Zoning Permits

Mr. Seawards presented the staff report followed by testimony from John Cataldo, the applicant's representative. Commissioner Louie praised the applicant, Terry Chu, for having an enclosed dismantling operation in his district. Commissioner Louie expressed concerns with drainage of car liquids. Staff reported that applicant met all environmental concerns by securing necessary permits from reviewing departments.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Modugno - That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and adopt the Negative Declaration associated with Environmental Assessment No. 201200020.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Modugno - That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. 20130025 with findings and conditions of approval. The appeal period for this item ends Wednesday, August 27, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Modugno, Valadez and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Shell being recorded as absent.

Project Approved

9. **Project No. R2013-02862-(2). Conditional Use Permit No. 201300159. Applicant: Vepo Design Corp, 2008 E. Florence Avenue. Roosevelt Park Zoned District. To authorize the conversion of a portion of an existing furniture store to a coin-operated laundromat in the CPD (Commercial Planned Development) Zone within the Florence-Firestone Community Standards District. This project is categorically exempt Class 1 – Existing Facilities, pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Ms. Arakelian presented the staff report followed by testimony from the applicant's representative, Mr. Murray Tonchev.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen - That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen - That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit 201300159 with findings and conditions of approval. The appeal period for this item ends Wednesday, August 27, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Pedersen, Valadez, Pedersen and Modugno in favor and Commissioner Shell being recorded as absent.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Due to scheduling considerations the following items will be considered by the Regional Planning Commission for a date certain.

Ordinance Studies

Action Taken as Noted

- 9(x). Request to cancel the August 20, 2014 regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission as approved in its meeting schedule, and continue the following item to September 17, 2014. (Continued from 06/18/14 & 07/30/14). Project No. R2011-00518-(1-5). Advance Planning Case No. 201100007. Technical Update to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Code) – Countywide. Review of Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.**

The Technical Update was previously continued from July 30, 2014 to Wednesday, August 20, 2014. Due to scheduling considerations staff requested that the Regional Planning Commission cancel the August 20, 2014 meeting, and continue the item to Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission cancel the August 20, 2014 meeting from the approved meeting schedule, and continue the item to Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

General Plan Development/Housing

Action Taken as Noted

- 9(y). Request to cancel the August 27, 2014 regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission as approved in its meeting schedule, and continue the following items to October 8, 2014. (Considered on 02/26/14, 03/26/14, 04/23/14, 05/28/14, 06/25/14, 07/23/14, 08/06/14). Project No. 02-305-(1-5). a. Plan Amendment No. 02-305 – General Plan Update. To consider the comprehensive General Plan Update (General Plan 2035) for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. b. Advance Planning No. 201200007 – Zoning Consistency. To consider amendment to Title 22 of the County Code to adopt a Hillside Management Ordinance. c. Advance Planning No. 201200001 – SEA Program Update and Zoning Consistency. To consider the Significant Ecological Area (“SEA”) Program Update, including amendment to Title 22 of the County Code to adopt an SEA ordinance. d. Zone Change No. 201200005 – Zoning Consistency. To consider zone changes for consistency with General Plan 2035. e. Advance Planning No. 201200004 - Zoning**

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Cont.)

Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code related to the industrial zones. f. Advance Planning No. 201200005 – Zoning Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code related to the MXD zone. g. Advance Planning No. 201200006 – Zoning Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code to add the R-5, C-MJ, C-RU, MXD-RU and ()-IP zones. h. Advance Planning No. 201300009 – Community Climate Action Plan. To consider the Community Climate Action Plan, which is part of the Air Quality Element, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by community activities within the unincorporated areas by 2020.

Due to the recent Board motion regarding the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, and its effect on the schedule for the General Plan Update, staff requested that the regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 be canceled and all of the items related to the General Plan Update be continued to Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission cancel the Wednesday, August 27, 2014 meeting from the approved meeting schedule, and continue all items related to the General Plan Update to Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Commission

Action Taken as Noted

- 9(z). Request to cancel the September 3, 2014 regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission as approved in its meeting schedule.**

Due to no cases being ready for hearing, staff requested that the regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 be canceled.

At the direction of the Chair, the meeting for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 was canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 10. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.**

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

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CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

11. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

12. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

Mr. Bruckner, Director of Planning, informed the Commission that the Department of Regional Planning has initiated an effort to prepare its 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. The Department has selected MIG to be the consultant who has extensive experience with other County Departments in similar projects. Part of the strategic planning process will include interviews with DRP's stakeholders and the Commissioners. The Consultant would meet with the Commissioners individually, the interview would be confidential, and staff would consult with them to schedule an appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

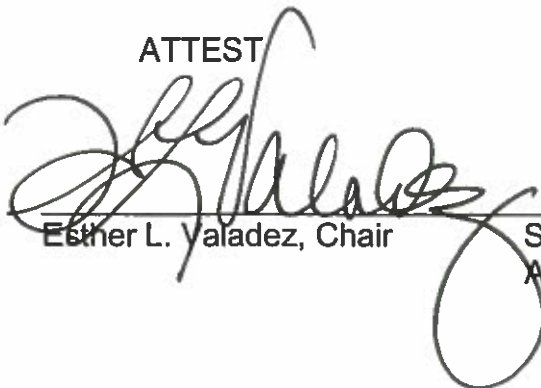
The Commission adjourned at 9:51 a.m. to Wednesday, September 10, 2014.



Ana Ruiz, Acting Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Esther L. Valadez, Chair



Susie Tae, Supervising Regional Planner – Item Nos. 1-6
Advance Planning Division



Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director – Item Nos. 7-12
Current Planning Division